

SUMMARY OF KBE STRATEGIC PLAN AND PRIORITIES DISCUSSION FROM THE MAY 2003 RETREAT

At the May 14-15, 2003, Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) Retreat, the KBE reaffirmed its support for the goals and objectives of the strategic plan (April 2003 edition). One change requested by the KBE, under objective 2.3, was the addition of the phrase: "Increase the diversity of leadership and instructional staff." The most current progress report on the KBE's strategic plan is attached.

2003-2004 KBE Work Priorities

Also, at the May 14-15, 2003, KBE retreat, the Board declared the following priorities for its work in 2003-04:

- Public support for education
- KBE members leading and advocating for public education
- Educating legislators and political candidates on Kentucky's public education system and the needs of children
- Financial support
- Assisting schools/districts to work efficiently during lean times
- Assisting schools/districts in getting to the next level
 - State assessment and accountability
 - Requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act
 - Sustaining the current system
 - KDE capacity building
 - High school initiative
 - Continuance of work with middle schools
 - State services for sensory impaired students (KSB/KSD)
- Diversity
- Coordinated school health

KBE Budget Priorities

As to guidance on budget development from the May 14-15, 2003, retreat, the Board agreed on the following budget priorities:

- SEEK increase as the number one priority
- Full funding of preschool
- Funding of all-day kindergarten
- Funding for textbooks in the future
- Funding of education technology at the \$20 million level
- Funding of rewards at the \$10 million level and pursuit of better ways to distribute the reward dollars

From subsequent discussions later in the year, the following were added to the list of budget priorities:

- Funding of management assistance
- Expansion of the definition of at-risk students to include Limited English Proficient (LEP) students
- Funding of instructional facilitators at ten pilot sites

